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## **OPA Daily Digest for 2/4/13**

## **Congressional Inquiries:**

**Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.)** – Letter – 1/29/13: Constituent concerns about fines for RRP Rule violations. Due: 2/12/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

## **State Government Inquiries:**

**Rep. Bill Otto (Mo.)**: Email - 1/29/13: Additional questions on Westlake. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

**Rep Sue Meredith (Mo)**: Telephone – 2/4/13: Questions on Elmwood Park. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

## **Local Elected Official Inquiries:**

None

# **Press Inquiries:**

**KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis** – Leisa Zigman – 1/23/13: Questions about EPA's costs at the West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

**Kansas City Star** – Kevin Collison – 2/4/13: Questions about Feb. 7-9 New Partners for Smart Growth Conference. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

### **Environmental Stories:**

KDSK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Homeowners lose faith with EPA over West Lake Landfill (video) - 2/2/13 - The majority of St. Louisans who get their water from the Missouri River have most likely never heard of the West Lake Landfill, but they should.

http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/358531/70/Homeowners-lose-faith-with-EPA-over-landfill

Reuters - Exclusive: Obama leaning toward McCarthy for EPA chief - 2/1/13 - President Barack Obama is leaning toward choosing Gina McCarthy, a top official in charge of air quality at the Environmental Protection Agency, to run the EPA in his second term, according to two sources familiar with the matter. <a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/01/us-usa-cabinet-epa-idUSBRE91018A20130201">http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/02/01/us-usa-cabinet-epa-idUSBRE91018A20130201</a> Also Politicalwire

South County Times (St. Louis) - Residents Tout Benefits Of Rain Barrel Use - 2/1/13 - If Burt Bacharach were composing lyrics today, he might have to go with "raindrops keep falling in my rain barrel" - instead of "on my head." That's because more and more folks are rolling out the rain barrels. <a href="http://www.southcountytimes.com/Articles-Features-i-2013-02-01-184925.114137-Residents-Tout-Benefit s-Of-Rain-Barrel-Use.html">http://www.southcountytimes.com/Articles-Features-i-2013-02-01-184925.114137-Residents-Tout-Benefit s-Of-Rain-Barrel-Use.html</a>

Also Webster-Kirkwood Times

**Great Plains Fire Science Blog (Missouri State University)** - EPA revised particulate standards - 1/31/13 - Effective March 15, the EPA has revised the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter. Read a summary from NWCG on the implications for wildland fire management. <a href="http://blogs.missouristate.edu/gpfirescience/2013/01/31/epa-revised-particulate-standards/">http://blogs.missouristate.edu/gpfirescience/2013/01/31/epa-revised-particulate-standards/</a>

**eRPortal - Missouri receives compliance help from EPA** - 1/30/13 - Missouri changed its state water quality standards rules, which were recently approved by EPA Region 7, and will give the state's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program a bit more freedom. <a href="http://erportalsoftware.com/industry-news/index.php/epa-maintenance/missouri-receives-compliance-help-from-epa/">http://erportalsoftware.com/industry-news/index.php/epa-maintenance/missouri-receives-compliance-help-from-epa/</a>

St. Louis Business Journal - Jack Dorsey, Salman Khan to join Bill Clinton at Wash U event - 1/30/13 - As if former President Bill Clinton is not enough of a draw, Twitter founder Jack Dorsey and Khan Academy founder Salman Khan will also be at Washington University for the 2013 Clinton Global Initiative University (CGIU) April 5-7.

http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/BizNext/2013/01/jack-dorsey-and-salman-khan-to-join.html

Des Moines Register - Letter to the editor: Keystone pipeline is wrong for our environment - 1/31/13 - Now is the time to say "no" to the Keystone XL pipeline and formulate an energy policy that protects our environment, fosters renewable energy sources, lessens our dependence on foreign oil and leaves our children the best world possible.

http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130201/OPINION04/302010033/1035/

**Des Moines Register - Letter to the editor: He's hoping for EPA intervention in lowa** - 2/3/13 - My fervent wish is that a similar federal intervention by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will end the death grip the industrial pork system now holds on our state.

http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130203/OPINION04/302030066/1035/

Associated Press - Iowa Town Loses Power, Water for Hours After Fire - 2/2/13 - Residents of a small north-central Iowa town spent most of Sunday without power or water after a fire damaged utility wires and destroyed two buildings.

http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/iowa-town-loses-power-water-for-hours-after-fire/article\_bcb69b9e-6e64-11e2-a79e-001a4bcf887a.html

Associated Press - Last contract awarded to repair 2011 flood damage - 2/2/13 - More than \$180 million of repairs to Missouri River levees battered by the historic 2011 flooding are beginning to wind down, but critics are complaining the work took too long.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/last-contract-awarded-to-repair-flood-damage/article 9665d5c5-2da4-5ca2-a49d-9d0308bda258.html

Also KMBC Ch. 9 Kansas City

**Des Moines Register - Recycling percentages at landfills decreasing -** 2/3/13 - More than half of what lowans dump into landfills could have been recycled or composted. In some areas, that amount is as high as 75 percent, landfill operators said.

http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130204/NEWS/302040021/1001/

The Hill (blog) - Report: Top EPA air quality official in line to replace outgoing administrator - A top official overseeing air quality is reportedly President Obama's preferred choice to take control of EPA. According to Reuters, Gina McCarthy, the assistant administrator for the agency's Office of Air and Radiation, is the leading contender to replace outgoing EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson. <a href="http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/280707-report-top-epa-official-in-line-to-replace-outgoing-head">http://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/280707-report-top-epa-official-in-line-to-replace-outgoing-head</a>

**Washington Post (blog) - Gina McCarthy said to be top contender for EPA** - 2/1/13 - Looks like the field of candidates to head the Environmental Protection Agency is narrowing — perhaps even down to one name: Gina McCarthy, now the assistant administrator for the agency's Office of Air and Radiation, according to people familiar with the White House's selection process.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/in-the-loop/post/gina-mccarthy-said-to-be-top-contender-for-epa/20 13/02/01/84e9597a-6cc2-11e2-bd36-c0fe61a205f6 blog.html

Department of Energy - Kansas State University Videos Explore Wind Energy - 1/29/13 - A Kansas State University journalism student recently produced two videos related to wind energy. "Students Learn that Speed Doesn't Always Equal Power" documents how associate professor Ruth Douglas Miller's students in the Wind and Solar Systems Design class learn how wind turbines produce energy. http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/states/news\_detail.cfm/news\_id=18982

**Blog for lowa - Grassley, Please Retire!** - 2/2/13 - After hearing the totally unexpected retirement of Sen. Tom Harkin following the end of his term, my first thought was that I hope our senior (quite senior) senator would take a hint and announce his retirement also. Sen. Grassley has degenerated into one of the biggest obstacles to getting anything done in the senate. http://www.blogforiowa.com/2013/02/02/grassley-please-retire/

**Dodge City Daily Globe - New wind energy project proposed in Ford County** - 1/30/13 - Clean Line Energy Partners held a public open house Monday evening to give Ford County residents the chance to learn about a new project the company is working on. <a href="http://www.dodgeglobe.com/article/20130130/NEWS/130139980">http://www.dodgeglobe.com/article/20130130/NEWS/130139980</a>

**lowa City Press Citizen - Schools putting \$20M grant to work** - About one year ago, the National Science Foundation made a \$20 million bet that renewable energy innovation would happen in the number two state in the country for wind energy production. Now, the resulting research is getting off the ground at lowa's three public universities.

http://www.press-citizen.com/article/20130204/NEWS01/301310033/1079/

**Domestic Fuel - Taking Corn Cobs for Biofuels Won't Hurt Soil Quality** - 2/3/13 - Concerns over hurting the soil quality when harvesting some crop residues for cellulosic biofuels, instead of leaving the residues on the fields to help the soil quality, might be unfounded. http://domesticfuel.com/2013/02/03/taking-corn-cobs-for-biofuels-wont-hurt-soil-quality/

**Midwest Energy News - Is wind power reaching a tipping point?** - 2/4/13 - In 2012, for the first time, more new wind generation was installed than new natural gas- or coal-fired generation as developers rushed to take advantage of expiring tax credits.

http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2013/02/04/is-wind-power-reaching-a-tipping-point/

The Hill - House Democrats warn tax credit ambiguity sidelines renewables investment - 2/4/13 - A House Democratic caucus called on tax writers Friday to quickly interpret language in a recently passed renewable energy tax credit.

http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/280639-house-democrats-warn-tax-credit-ambiguity-sidelines-renewables-investment-

**Associated Press - Siemens Energy Wind Turbine Plant Recalls Workers -** 2/4/13 - A southeast lowa factory that makes wind turbine blades has recalled some workers laid off last fall as orders increase. <a href="http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Siemens-Energy-Wind-Turbine-Plant-Recalls-Workers-189490101.html">http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Siemens-Energy-Wind-Turbine-Plant-Recalls-Workers-189490101.html</a>

**Grist - Turn on, plug in, drop out:** An electric car manifesto - 2/2/13 - Constantly frustrated by hearing others' silly misconceptions of our electric vehicles, and dismayed by the oily misinformation that saturates media coverage of our beloved cars, we turn to one another for sanity and support. <a href="http://grist.org/business-technology/turn-on-plug-in-drop-out-an-electric-car-manifesto/">http://grist.org/business-technology/turn-on-plug-in-drop-out-an-electric-car-manifesto/</a>

NPR - Are Mini-Reactors The Future Of Nuclear Power? (audio) - 1/4/13 - The U.S. government is investing millions of dollars in what it considers a promising new industry for American manufacturing: nuclear reactors. The plan is to build hundreds of mini reactors, dot them around the U.S., and export them overseas. http://www.npr.org/2013/02/04/170482802/are-mini-reactors-the-future-of-nuclear-power

Associated Press - Energy industry develops nontoxic fracking fluids - 2/3/14 - The oil and gas industry is trying to ease environmental concerns by developing nontoxic fluids for the drilling process known as fracking, but it's not clear whether the new product will be widely embraced by drilling companies. http://news.yahoo.com/energy-industry-develops-nontoxic-fracking-fluids-171713821.html

Washington Post - Coal-burning utilities seek a role in EPA rule -making on greenhouse gas emissions - 2/3/13 - Lobbyists for coal-burning utilities are consulting environmental advocates and holding strategy sessions as they seek a role in shaping President Obama's plan to combat climate change. <a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/coal-burning-utilities-seek-a-role-in-epa-rule-making-on-greenhouse-gas-emissions/2013/02/03/a0095c8a-6b39-11e2-95b3-272d604a10a3\_story.html">http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/coal-burning-utilities-seek-a-role-in-epa-rule-making-on-greenhouse-gas-emissions/2013/02/03/a0095c8a-6b39-11e2-95b3-272d604a10a3\_story.html</a>

**Washington Post - Composting efforts gain traction across the United States** - 2/3/13 - The food recycling movement is inching forward in fits and starts but the nation's trash disposal system lacks the ability to process food waste on a large scale.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/composting-efforts-gain-traction-across-the-united-states/2013/02/03/645a7024-670c-11e2-9e1b-07db1d2ccd5b\_story.html

**E&E Daily - Obama has kicked off a new conversation -- but where it's going is still unclear -** 2/4/13 - President Obama and Democrats in Congress are talking about climate change again -- and environmentalists are delighted. http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/rss/2013/02/04/1

**E&E Daily - Murkowski to unveil blueprint today** - 2/4/13 - The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee's top Republican is poised to release an energy blueprint today that will offer a full array of policy options but no proposal to cap carbon emissions. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/rss/2013/02/04/3">http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/rss/2013/02/04/3</a>

**E&E Daily - Senators to air frustrations over water policies** - 2/4/13 - Environment and Public Works Committee members will have another round with top Army Corps of Engineers officials as they prepare to take up a major water policy bill, and this week's hearing will focus the spotlight on corps policies they see as flawed. http://www.eenews.net/EEDaily/rss/2013/02/04/5

National Geographic - How Drought on Mississippi River Impacts You - 1/31/13 - The drought-plagued Mississippi is holding up barge traffic, sending global ripples. <a href="http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2012/12/121207-nation-mississippi-river-drought-environment-economy/">http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2012/12/121207-nation-mississippi-river-drought-environment-economy/</a>

**Bloomberg - Changing the Conversation on Climate Change -** 2/3/13 - Politically, environmentalism has had a few good months in the U.S. Hurricane Sandy put the words "climate change" back in the national vocabulary. We need to turn the battle over government regulation into a discussion about the best tools to achieve meaningful emissions reductions. That's a conversation the nation -- and the planet -- desperately needs to have.

http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2013-02-03/changing-the-conversation-on-climate-change.html

**Brownfield Ag News - Another Nebraska ethanol plant shuts down (audio - 9:31)** - 2/4/13 - Another Nebraska ethanol plant is shutting down. Ag Processing, Inc. (AGP) announced Friday that it will shut down its 55-million gallon-a-year- plant in Hastings.

http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/02/04/another-nebraska-ethanol-plant-shuts-down/

**Brownfield Ag News - Bills address over-regulation concerns in ag** - 2/1/13 - Addressing farmers' concerns about over-regulation, several bills have been introduced by Senator Pat Roberts of Kansas, the former ranking member of the Senate Ag Committee.

http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/02/01/bills-address-over-regulation-concerns-in-ag/

**Biofuels Digest - A National Biomass Lend-Lease project -** 2/4/13 - The military would like, affordable, domestically-produced, drop-in, renewable fuels. Drop-in fuel producers would like long-term, stable fuel sale and feedstock purchase contracts. Why not put those needs together? http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2013/02/04/a-national-biomass-lend-lease-project/ **Biofuels Digest - Biofuels stocks surge as EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard proposals delight investors** - 2/4/13 - In New York, renewable fuels equities surged on Friday after the EPA issued its proposed 2013 Renewable Fuel Standard mandates - including boosts for corn ethanol, biomass-based diesel and cellulosic biofuels.

http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2013/02/04/biofuels-stocks-surge-as-epas-renewable-fuel-standar d-proposals-delight-investors/

New York Times (blog) - A Closer Look at Moderating Views of Climate Sensitivity - 2/4/13 - "Worse than we thought" has been one of the most durable phrases lately among those pushing for urgent action to stem the buildup of greenhouse gases linked to global warming. http://dotearth.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/02/04/a-closer-look-at-moderating-views-of-climate-sensitivity/

WNAX Radio - ICCI To Meet With EPA Region Chief On Clean Water Act Work Plan (audio) ht with EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks.

http://wnax.com/ICCI-To-Meet-With-EPA-Region-Chief-On-Clean-Water-/15443789

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis - Mary Ostafi creates rooftop farm downtown - 2/4/13 - It's happening across the country, but St. Louis had yet to get in on this 'growing' trend until now. There's a grass roots effort downtown to raise the roof on community farming.

 $\underline{\text{http://www.ksdk.com/rss/article/358554/3/Grass-roots-effort-raises-funds-for-rooftop-farm-downtown}}$ 

St. Louis Business Journal - Mallinckrodt files registration statement - 2/4/13 - Mallinckrodt, the pharmaceutical business of Covidien, is one step closer to separating from its parent company Covidien. <a href="http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/2013/02/mallinckrodt-files-registration.html">http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/blog/2013/02/mallinckrodt-files-registration.html</a>

**Newton Kansan - Leaders talk wind energy -** 1/4/13 - Business and economic development leaders from multiple counties gathered at the Meridian Center in Newton Friday over the noon hour to hear reports on the economic impact of wind energy projects in the state of Kansas. http://www.thekansan.com/article/20130204/NEWS/130209862

Grand Island Independent (Neb.) - EPA limiting expansion of oil and gas production - 2/4/13 - The question is whether the Obama Administration will realize the great value and political virtue from unconventional oil and natural gas and allow some of the gas to be exported to other countries. <a href="http://www.theindependent.com/opinion/another\_opinion/epa-limiting-expansion-of-oil-and-gas-production/article-99a11538-6cd1-11e2-af64-001a4bcf887a.html">http://www.theindependent.com/opinion/another\_opinion/epa-limiting-expansion-of-oil-and-gas-production/article-99a11538-6cd1-11e2-af64-001a4bcf887a.html</a>

**Greenwire - Eminent domain an issue as industry plans 450,000 miles of new lines -** 1/4/13 - As the gas industry looks to put down an estimated 450,000 miles of pipelines over the next quarter-century, battles over eminent domain will likely multiply. <a href="http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/02/04/18">http://www.eenews.net/Greenwire/rss/2013/02/04/18</a>

BNA - Report Finds Most NPDES Permits Lack Explicit Green Infrastructure - 2/4/13 - Stormwater runoff remains a significant source of pollution in the nation's waterways because discharge permits lack clear requirements to use green infrastructure techniques to limit discharges, an American Rivers report found. <a href="http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split">http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split</a> display.adp?fedfid=29575257&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d 6g1z9b9&split=0

**BNA - Municipal Stormwater Webinar Set for Feb** . **12** - 2/4/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency will hold a webinar Feb. 12 on newly regulated municipal separate storm sewer systems because of 2010 census updates.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=29575258&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d\_6g2a1q3&split=0

BNA - CRS Updating Report on Coal Ash Legislation After Republicans Dispute Findings as Biased - 2/4/13 - The Congressional Research Service will update a December 2012 report on coal ash legislation after Republicans from both chambers raised questions about "implicit bias" in the report, Sen. John Hoeven's (R-N.D.) office told BNA Feb. 1.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=29575249&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d6q1r3k5&split=0

**BNA - House Panel Launches Site to Help Small Businesses Track Regulations** - 2/4/13 - The House Small Business Committee launched a website Feb. 1 to alert small businesses about pending environmental and other federal regulations and provide them a direct link for submitting comments on such rules.

 $\frac{\text{http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split display.adp?fedfid=29575252\&vname=dennotallissues\&jd=a0d}{6g1x8z4\&split=0}$ 

**BNA - EPA Requests Authority to Collect Stewardship Plans** - 2/4/13 - The White House Office of Management and Budget is considering an Environmental Protection Agency request to collect information from pesticide users on their efforts to promote the use of integrated pest management, according to a notice scheduled for publication Feb. 4.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\_display.adp?fedfid=29575237&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d\_6g1f0j1&split=0

Inside EPA - Power Plant ELG Likely To Address Increased Toxicity Due To Air Controls - 2/4/13 - EPA's upcoming effluent limitation guidelines (ELG) for coal- and steam-fired power plants, which is due for release this spring, is likely to require installation of technologies to reduce increased discharges of key metals due to new emissions control technologies required by recent agency air rules. <a href="http://insideepa.com/201302042423487/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/power-plant-elg-likely-to-address-increased-toxicity-due-to-air-controls/menu-id-95.html">http://insideepa.com/201302042423487/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/power-plant-elg-likely-to-address-increased-toxicity-due-to-air-controls/menu-id-95.html</a>

Inside EPA - Environmentalists Seek Zero-Discharge Limit In ELG, Worrying Power Sector - 2/4/13 - Environmentalists are calling on EPA to adopt a strict, zero-discharge limit in its pending effluent limitation guidelines (ELGs) for new steam- and coal-fired power plants and at existing plants where it is feasible. <a href="http://insideepa.com/201302042423486/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/environmentalists-seek-zero-discharge-limit-in-elg-worrying-power-sector/menu-id-95.html">http://insideepa.com/201302042423486/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/environmentalists-seek-zero-discharge-limit-in-elg-worrying-power-sector/menu-id-95.html</a>

**Inside EPA - Overhaul Of Environmental Management Standard Raises Legal Issues** - 2/1/13 - An international standards body is overhauling the industry standard many companies use to certify their environmental management systems (EMSs), incorporating sustainability aspects and significantly changing definitions.

http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/04/2013/overhaul-of-environmental-management-standard-raises-legal-issues/menu-id-128.html

**Inside EPA - EPA Proposes Extending Existing Enforcement Priorities Through FY 16** - 2/1/13 - EPA is seeking comment on its plan to extend through fiscal year 2016 six existing enforcement priority focus areas, while seeking recommendations on potential new target areas.

http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/04/2013/epa-proposes-extending-existing-enforcement-priorities-through-fy16/menu-id-128.html

Inside EPA - Environmentalists Resist EPA Plan To Ease PCB Rules For Shredded Plastic - 2/1/13 - Environmental groups are criticizing an industry-backed EPA proposal to clarify polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) rules to allow the recycling of shredded plastics from automobiles and appliances. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/04/2013/environmentalists-resist-epa-plan-to-ease-pcb-rules-for-shredded-plastic/menu-id-128.html">http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/04/2013/environmentalists-resist-epa-plan-to-ease-pcb-rules-for-shredded-plastic/menu-id-128.html</a>

**Inside EPA - State, Environmentalists Fault Advice To EPA On Key Nuclear Cleanup -** 2/1/13 - State regulators and environmentalists are arguing that a new report expected to inform EPA's decision on how to deal with radioactive waste at a high-profile Superfund site near St. Louis misrepresents data contained in the report to conclude that nuclear contamination has not entered groundwater and moved around the site.

http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/04/2013/state-environmentalists-fault-advic e-to-epa-on-key-nuclear-cleanup/menu-id-128.html

Inside EPA - Lawmaker Seeks EPA Support To Waive Asbestos Rules In Demolitions - 2/1/13 - Rep. Bill Owens (D-NY) is pursuing EPA support on legislation he recently introduced that would authorize the agency to waive Clean Air Act (CAA) standards governing asbestos emissions to facilitate the demolition or renovation of condemned buildings that are likely to collapse and cause greater pollution. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/04/2013/lawmaker-seeks-epa-support-to-waive-asbestos-rules-in-demolitions/menu-id-128.html">http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/04/2013/lawmaker-seeks-epa-support-to-waive-asbestos-rules-in-demolitions/menu-id-128.html</a>

Inside EPA - Navy, Industry Say EPA Petroleum Vapor Guidance Is Too Conservative - 2/1/13 - The Navy, industry and some state regulators are arguing in recent comments to EPA that the agency's draft guidance for assessing and addressing toxic vapors from petroleum spills contains many overly conservative assumptions and will unnecessarily increase the number of sites that undergo investigation. <a href="http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/04/2013/navy-industry-say-epa-petroleum-vapor-guidance-is-too-conservative/menu-id-128.html">http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/04/2013/navy-industry-say-epa-petroleum-vapor-guidance-is-too-conservative/menu-id-128.html</a>

Inside EPA - States, Industry Seek EPA Guidance On Long -Term Care Of RCRA Landfills - 2/1/13 - States and industry are pushing for EPA guidance on how to deal with Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) land disposal sites during and after a statutory, 30-year monitoring period known as post-closure care (PCC).

http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/04/2013/states-industry-seek-epa-guidance-on-long-term-care-of-rcra-landfills/menu-id-128.html

Inside EPA - McCarthy For EPA Administrator? - 2/1/13 - EPA air office chief Gina McCarthy is said to be President Obama's likely nominee to replace outgoing agency Administrator Lisa Jackson, according to press reports, which could spur a contentious Senate confirmation process given McCarthy's leading role in crafting EPA's climate rules and other contentious air quality measures. <a href="http://insideepa.com/201302022423453/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/mccarthy-for-epa-administrator/menu-id-97.html">http://insideepa.com/201302022423453/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/mccarthy-for-epa-administrator/menu-id-97.html</a>

### **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: http://go.usa.gov/Qx5

**Equitable Development Workshop Scheduled Feb. 6 in Kansas City, Mo.** – 2/4/13 – Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

### **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets

None

# **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

2/5/13 - Meet with Iowa Pork Producers, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

**2/6/13 -** Meet and greet with Chairman Dennis Hedke, Kansas House Energy and Environment Committee, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199

2/7-8/13 - Strategic Planning Meeting, Washington, D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/12/13 - Black History Month Event, Regional Office. Contact: Sondra Tucker, 7796

**2/14/13 -** Meet and greet with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Col. Anthony Funkhouser, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

2/21/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Ron

Hammerschmidt, 7566

2/22/13 - Interview with Ken Root, WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

2/27/13 - Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**3/4-6/13** - Iowa State University Lecture Series – Guest Speaker, Ames, Iowa. Contacts: Josh Svaty, 7202 and Julia Cacho, 7071

3/13/13 – Assistant Regional Administrators Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Mike Brincks, 7799

**3/27/13** – Missouri Water Environment Association & American Water Works Association Joint Conference, Osage Beach, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**4/16/13** - Greater St. Louis Air & Waste Management Association meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487.

### DRA:

**2/5/13** – Meet and greet with John Frece, Director, EPA Office of Sustainable Communities (OSC), Regional Office. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

**2/7/13 -** 12th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

**2/14/13 -** Meet and greet with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Col. Anthony Funkhouser, Regional Office. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**2/19/13** - Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) presentation, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

**4/15-17/13** - Attend Executive Management Council meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

### SA:

2/5/13 - Meet with Iowa Pork Producers, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

2/22/13 - Interview with Ken Root, WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**3/4-6/13** - Iowa State University Lecture Series – Guest Speaker, Ames, Iowa. Contacts: Josh Svaty, 7202 and Julia Cacho, 7071

## **RA/Immediate Office**

None

### Other Events

### **AWMD**

None

#### **CNSL**

None
ECO/J
None
ENSV
None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

**SUPR** 

None

**WWPD** 

**2/5-6/13** – Site visit with Meskwaki Tribal Utilities, Tama, Iowa. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410, Kimberly Willis, 7069, Ira Salvini, 7817

2/7/13 - Missouri Water Classification Workgroup Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Bob Angelo, 7060

**2/7/13:** Development of Nebraska Rapid Assessment Method for Wetlands meeting, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Eliodora Chamberlain, 7945

**2/26-3/1/13** - Water Quality Standards Managers and Coordinators Annual Meeting, Arlington, Va. Contact: John DeLashmit, 7821; Ann Lavaty, 7370

**2/27/13** – EPA/Missouri Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Carolyn Mitchell, 7187

**4/1-5/13** - 2013 National Training Workshop on Clean Water 303(d) Listing and Total Maximum Daily Loads, Shepherdstown, W.Va. Contact: Tabatha Adkins, 7128

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